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SUBJECT: FURTHER WEST AUSTRALIAN EFFORTS TO PROMOTE NORTHWEST
SHELF GAS DEVELOPMENT

REF: PERTH'S 168

1. W.A. PREMIER, SIR CHARLES COURT, LEFT PERTH JULY 20 FOR LONDON IN AN EFFORT TO ENCOURAGE BURMAH OIL AND ITS NORTHWEST SHELF EXPLORATION PARTNERS TO MOVE AHEAD ON PRODUCTION PROPOSALS OUTLINED IN REFTEL.

2. LOCAL STATE GOVERNMENT SOURCES QUITE GUARDED IN DISCLOSING CURRENT STATE OF NEGOTIATIONS BUT REFLECT PESSIMISM ABOUT WILLINGNESS OF BURMAH AND PARTNERS TO PROCEED WITH PRODUCTION PLANS WITHOUT SOME INDICATION OF FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION BY FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OR AT LEAST FEDERAL OPPOSITION PARTIES. SIR CHARLES COURT HAS INDICATED PRIVATELY THAT COMPANIES INVOLVED WILL NEED SOME "BACK STIFFENING" AND HAS PUBLICLY
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STATED THAT NEGOTIATIONS WOULD TAKE AT LEAST A YEAR.

3. SIR CHARLES INTENDS TO RETURN VIA SAN FRANCISCO FOR
DISCUSSIONS WITH CALIFORNIA ASIATIC IN EVENT LONDON TALKS WITH
OTHER PARTNERS PROGRESS SATISFACTORILY. CONSULTE WILL REPORT
FURTHER IF SAN FRANCISCO STOP EVENTUATES.
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